

LEANING, LEANING, LEANING

ACTS 2:1-21

The year was 1887, and a humble music professor named A.J. Showalter received some sad news. Two of his former students had just lost their wives. Both of these men were in despair and looked to their old music professor for comfort.

Showalter had always been deeply devoted to his students. He had no comforting words of his own, so he turned to Scripture, where he found this verse from Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms . . ." Out of this verse, Professor Showalter wrote a chorus to send to his students. You might recognize it:

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Jesus did not tell his disciples that they would not have problems. In fact, their problems would dwarf most of our problems. What he promised them was peace of mind. He would send upon them the gift of the Holy Spirit to give them courage and comfort. They would be warriors and not worriers. And that is the same promise Christ offers us today.

The Holy Spirit gives us both courage and comfort. We can truly go and lean on the everlasting arms of God. May we trust in God and go into the world with boldness and courage knowing God is always with us.

God bless,
Pastor Barbara